

Proviso.

granted; and, provided, that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent the citizens of Dorchester and Wicomico Counties from using the waters of Nanticoke river in common; and provided, also, that nothing in this Act shall affect or change the time for taking or catching oysters with rakes or tongs in the waters of Choptank river as now established by law.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 12, 1904.

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CHAPTER 573.

AN ACT to appropriate a sum of money for work performed by Register of Wills of Anne Arundel County in indexing the proceedings and inventories of estates of decedents in the Prerogative Court of the Province of Maryland, and for the transfer of all Wills, Prerogative Court Records, Documents, Books, Indexes and all the records and documents belonging to the State of Maryland, now in the Register of Wills' office of Anne Arundel County to the Land Office of Maryland.

Prerogative court.

WHEREAS, When the Capitol of the Province of Maryland was removed from St. Mary's City to Annapolis, all the proceedings of the Prerogative Court were removed to the office of the Register of Wills of Anne Arundel County; and

Setting of former estates

WHEREAS, Under the Provincial and Colonial Government of Maryland all testate and intestate estates were settled in the Prerogative Court and the Records of Proceedings, until the independence of the Colonies was achieved and Maryland became an independent State, are all in the Register of Wills' office of Anne Arundel County; and

Indexes.

WHEREAS, Indexes of the Wills, Appraisements and Proceedings of said court have been made at different times and paid for by the State of Maryland; and